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Boris Dekanidze, who was sentenced to death for organizing the murder of Vitas Lyngis, assistant editor of the Lithuanian newspaper "Respublika", has turned to the president of Lithuania Algyrdas Brazauskas with an appeal for mercy.

In December of last year B. Dekanidze's lawyers submitted an appeal to the Supreme Court. A judge was appointed who was to acquaint himself with the documents of the case and prepare a report to the Court. In can not be ruled out that the case will be reviewed: that either the verdict will be anulled or that the case will be sent to the state prosecutor for revision.

One of Dekanidze's lawyers commented, "A paradox has developed: the result of the inquiry into the new documents is not yet known, it is not yet known how the appeal will be decided, but the accused is obliged to submit an appeal for mercy."

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